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Columbia County Board of Canvassers Minutes Recount for the President of the United States

December 1-2, 5, 7, 2016

The Columbia County Board of Canvassers convened at 8:00 am at the Law Enforcement Center, John Roche Community Room, 711 E. Cook Street, Portage, WI for the purpose of conducting an election recount of the November 8, 2016 General Election for the President of the United States. The Recount was properly noticed as a public meeting.

Present: Barbara (Bobbi) Goodman, Republican Representative; Margaret (Margo) Miller, Democratic Representative, substituting for Catherine O'Brien who was not able to attend the recount; Sue Moll, County Clerk; Shanna Herrick, Deputy County Clerk. Also present for all or portions of the recount include Christine Clark and Cindy Phillips, County Clerk staff; Joe Ruf, Corporation Counsel. Tabulators, staff assistants and observers signed in to acknowledge attendance (sign-in sheets attached).

Margo Miller was appointed to the Columbia County Board of Canvassers and signed the Official Oath. Election Inspectors and municipal clerks assisting with the recount were appointed as tabulators and signed an Oath of Appointment (EL-154). The Board of Canvassers were introduced as well as County staff and workers assisting the staff with the recount. Required payroll paperwork was distributed. An overview of the recount procedure was explained and any questions about the process were addressed. Each team was given an "Election Recount Procedures" manual for reference and a packet of worksheets to document their findings. The Board of Canvassers made the decision to manually count all ballots as time allows, with an option to consider using the tabulating equipment if necessary to meet the State imposed deadline of December 12, 2016. The observer guidelines were reviewed and candidate representatives were identified. Candidate representatives were advised to submit any challenges or objections in writing to the Board of Canvassers. Forms were provided.

The recount officially began at 9:00 am. Each reporting unit was reviewed according to the procedures outlined in the "Election Recount Procedures" manual dated November 2016 provided by the Wisconsin Elections Commission. The Board of Canvassers checked in all the election materials and determined no ballot bags were tampered with and verified serial numbers correctly matched the ballot container certification and Inspector's Statement. Six teams simultaneously reviewed reporting units. Each team, usually consisting of a minimum of 6 tabulators, reviewed a reporting unit and reconciled the poll lists by comparing three (3) random pages and listed any poll list irregularities or findings; Reviewed the Absentee Ballot Log and Used Absentee Certification envelopes for reconciliation and reviewed the used Absentee Certification envelopes for completeness (signature/address for voter and witness) and listed any absentee voter irregularities or findings; Manually separated and counted election day and absentee ballots and reconciled with the number of election day and absentee voters and listed any ballot reconciliation irregularities or findings; Manually sorted ballots by candidate and tabulated total votes, listing any ballot irregularities or findings. The Board of Canvassers reviewed all irregularities and findings and addressed accordingly

as reported for each reporting unit. Municipal clerks and election inspectors were asked to attend when reviewing their municipality's ballots and election material. If schedules allowed, municipal clerks and/or election inspectors participated when their reporting unit was reviewed, allowing the Board of Canvassers to address questions to them for clarification on any issues that would arise.

The "Original Vote Totals for Reporting Unit" and the "Recount Vote Totals for Reporting Unit" are included as separate documents along with "Presidential Vote Changes for Reporting Unit" and an "Explanation of Vote Changes for Reporting Unit".

Reporting units were reviewed on the following days:

(Note: The reporting units are listed in alpha order by Town/Village/City and does not reflect the order in which the Board of Canvassers reviewed each individual reporting unit. Detailed notes for each municipality are listed.)

Thursday, December 1, 2016

- Town of Arlington
- Town of Columbus
- Town of Courtland
- Town of Dekorra
- Town of Fountain Prairie
- Town of Hampden
- Town of Lewiston
- Town of Lowville
- Town of Otsego
- Town of Scott
- Town of Springvale
- Town of Wyocena
- Village of Arlington
- Village of Cambria
- Village of Doylestown
- Village of Fall River
- Village of Friesland
- Village of Rio

Town of Arlington

Total Number of Voters: 470

Number of Absentee Voters: 39

Notes: Two absentee ballots could not be identified. The Inspector's Statement indicated 2 absentee ballots were remade, however, the ballots were not marked as "original" or "duplicate". The Board reviewed the 2 "original" damaged ballots, as the total number of voters reconciled with the total number of ballots, the Board accepted the votes. The final recount totals were verified and recorded. The ballots were bagged and sealed with #00030060.

Town of Columbus

Total Number of Voters: 379

Number of Absentee Voters: 19

Notes: The Board reviewed and accepted 3 absentee certification envelopes missing the city of the witness. The Board also reviewed ballots marked with a check or X to determine voter intent. The final recount totals were verified and recorded.

The ballots were bagged and sealed with #00030062.

Town of Courtland

Total Number of Voters: 256

Number of Absentee Voters: 13

Notes: The Board reviewed and accepted 1 absentee certification envelope missing the state/zip code of the witness. The Board also reviewed and accepted 1 absentee ballot missing the clerk's initials and 4 election day ballots initialed in the wrong place (absentee). The final recount totals were verified and recorded.

The ballots were bagged and sealed with #00030022.

Town of Dekorra

Total Number of Voters: 1,401 (1,400 after drawdown)

Number of Absentee Voters: 256 (255 after drawdown)

Notes: The Board reviewed and accepted 8 absentee ballots missing the clerk's initials and 59 election day ballots with only 1 set of election inspector's initials. (Note: It was documented an interim clerk was filling in while the clerk was out on a medical leave.). Three ballots were reviewed to determine voter intent, 2 ballots were overvoted and 1 ballot voter intent could not be determined. Duplicate ballots were reviewed against original ballots and were accepted. The Board reviewed 1 absentee certificate envelope which did not include a witness signature or address and determined to drawdown 1 absentee ballot, resulting in a loss of 1 vote for Clinton. The final recount totals were verified and recorded.

The ballots were bagged and sealed with #00030021 and #00030024.

Town of Fountain Prairie

Total Number of Voters: 510

Number of Absentee Voters: 49

Notes: The Board reviewed and accepted 1 election day ballot with only 1 set of election inspector's initials and reviewed 4 ballots marked with a check or X to determine voter intent. Duplicate ballots were reviewed against original ballots and were accepted. The final recount totals were verified and recorded.

The ballots were bagged and sealed with #00030057.

Town of Hampden

Total Number of Voters: 358

Number of Absentee Voters: 26

Notes: The Board reviewed and accepted 1 election day ballot with only 1 election inspector's initials. The final recount totals were verified and recorded.

The ballots were bagged and sealed with #00030061.

Town of Lewiston

Total Number of Voters: 692

Number of Absentee Voters: 50

Notes: Four absentee ballots could not be identified. The absentee ballots were remade, however, the ballots were not marked as "original" or "duplicate" and therefore could not be identified or verified. A full reconciliation of the poll books was completed and 2 absentee voters not listed on the absentee ballot log were identified in the poll books as voting absentee. Two absentee voters did not have absentee certification envelopes on file. The Board consulted with the municipal clerk and chief election inspector to explain the discrepancies. The clerk stated the 2 absentee voters without certificates on file were emailed a ballot and certification. The ballots were returned with the certification, however, the clerk did not keep the certificates on file with the other absentee certification envelopes. The Board reviewed 4 ballots to determine voter intent (2 ballots contained

light checkmarks and 2 ballots could not be determined), resulting in 2 additional votes for Trump and 1 less vote for Clinton. The final recount totals were verified and recorded. The ballots were bagged and sealed with #00030058.

Town of Lowville

Total Number of Voters: 624

Number of Absentee Voters: 30

Notes: The Board reviewed 3 ballots marked with a check or X to determine voter intent. The Board reviewed the write-in ballots and determined an additional vote for a registered write-in candidate, resulting in 1 additional vote for McMullin. The final recount totals were verified and recorded. The ballots were bagged and sealed with #00030006.

Town of Otsego

Total Number of Voters: 399

Number of Absentee Voters: 17

Notes: Four duplicate ballots were verified against original ballots and accepted. The Board reviewed and accepted 4 absentee ballots without the clerk's initials and 1 ballot marked with an X to determine voter intent. The final recount totals were verified and recorded. An objection was filed from Mary Ann Kindschi, Stein Representative, stating *"I object to the 4 absentee ballots that were counted that had no signatures from the clerk or anyone else."*

The ballots were bagged and sealed with #00030011.

Town of Scott

Total Number of Voters: 343

Number of Absentee Voters: 14

Notes: The Board reviewed and accepted 2 election day ballots with only 1 election inspector's initials. Only 13 absentee ballots could be identified, which agreed with the Inspector's Statement and Poll List Certification, however, 14 voters were assigned absentee voter numbers, which agreed with the number of used absentee certificate envelopes. The final recount totals were verified and recorded.

The ballots were bagged and sealed with #000.

Town of Springvale

Total Number of Voters: 311

Number of Absentee Voters: 22

Notes: The Board reviewed 4 ballots marked with a check or X to determine voter intent. The final recount totals were verified and recorded.

The ballots were bagged and sealed with #00030020.

Town of Wyocena

Total Number of Voters: 964 (962 after drawdowns)

Number of Absentee Voters: 78 (76 after drawdowns)

Notes: The Board reviewed 1 ballot marked with a check to determine voter intent. The Board reviewed 2 absentee certificate envelopes which did not include a witness signature or address and determined to drawdown 2 absentee ballots, resulting in a loss of 1 vote for Trump and a loss of 1 vote for Johnson. Stein also lost 1 vote and scattering increased by 1 vote. The final recount totals were verified and recorded.

The ballots were bagged and sealed with #00030016 and #00030005.

Village of Arlington

Total Number of Voters: 473

Number of Absentee Voters: 30

Notes: Four duplicate ballots were verified against original ballots and accepted. The Board reviewed and accepted 4 election day ballots with only 1 set of election inspector's initials. The poll book certification stated 475 voters which equaled the tabulator total number of ballots cast on election day. A count of the ballots was 473. A complete reconciliation of the poll books was done to determine the total number of voters as 473 (2 voter #'s were not assigned). This resulted in a loss of 1 vote for Clinton. The final recount totals were verified and recorded.

The ballots were bagged and sealed with #00030012.

Village of Cambria

Total Number of Voters: 369

Number of Absentee Voters: 39

Notes: The Board reviewed and accepted 3 election day ballots with only 1 set of election inspector's initials. One duplicate ballot could not be verified against the original ballot as it could not be identified. The final recount totals were verified and recorded.

The ballots were bagged and sealed with #00030059.

Village of Doylestown

Total Number of Voters: 141

Number of Absentee Voters: 5

Notes: The Board reviewed and accepted 1 absentee ballot which did not have the municipal clerk's initials and 2 election day ballots with only 1 election inspector's initials. The Board reviewed 1 ballot marked with an X to determine voter intent. The final recount totals were verified and recorded.

The ballots were bagged and sealed with #00030063.

Village of Fall River

Total Number of Voters: 809

Number of Absentee Voters: 91

Notes: Two absentee envelopes were rejected on election day. After further review, the envelopes were returned undeliverable and a note from the clerk indicated she made several attempts to locate the current address for the absentee voters. The Board agreed the ballots were undeliverable and no further action was taken. The Board reviewed and accepted 6 absentee ballot certification envelopes for voters who voted in person and the witness address was omitted and 3 absentee ballot certification envelopes for voters who voted in person and the municipality was not listed and 1 absentee ballot certification envelope for a voter who voted in person and did not have the ward completed. The Board reviewed and accepted 1 absentee ballot which had the municipal clerk's initials in the wrong place, 3 election day ballots initialed in the wrong place, and 1 election day ballot without election inspector's initials. The Board reviewed 3 ballots marked with a check or an X to determine voter intent, resulting in 1 additional vote for Clinton. The final recount totals were verified and recorded.

The ballots were bagged and sealed with #00030013 and #00030014.

Village of Friesland

Total Number of Voters: 164

Number of Absentee Voters: 14

Notes: The final recount totals were verified and recorded.

The ballots were bagged and sealed with #00030017.

Village of Rio

Total Number of Voters: 559

Number of Absentee Voters: 58

Notes: The Board determined an absentee ballot was rejected correctly due to the death of the voter (a copy of the obituary was included). Five absentee ballots could not be identified. The municipal clerk was available and indicated 5 absentee ballots were remade, which was also reported on the Inspector's Statement. The duplicate and original ballots were not properly identified for verification, however, tabulators were able to reasonably match the possible ballots for comparison. The Board reviewed and accepted the ballots. The final recount totals were verified and recorded. The ballots were bagged and sealed with #00030056.

An objection was filed from Frank Balthazor, Clinton Representative, stating *"There should be a small table, chairs for observers for writing notes, etc. Cafeteria should be available to observers as well as recount staff. We were told that it was not available to us."*

Response to objection: An area directly outside of the recount room was designated for observers to sit and take notes, make phone calls, etc. Ample space was allowed for observers to view the recount process while in the recount room. Meal arrangements were made in advance for the tabulators and staff signed up to work each day. The pre-ordered meals were delivered to a breakroom designated for the tabulators and staff.

The Board of Canvassers recessed at 6:30 pm. The Board of Canvassers will reconvene at 8:00 am on December 2, 2016. The nightly report was emailed to the Wisconsin Elections Commission.

The Board of Canvassers reconvened at 8:00 am on December 2, 2016.

Friday, December 2, 2016

- Town of Caledonia
- Town of Fort Winnebago
- Town of Leeds
- Town of Lodi
- Town of Marcellon
- Town of Newport
- Town of Pacific
- Town of Randolph
- Town of West Point
- Village of Pardeeville
- Village of Poynette
- Village of Randolph
- Village of Wyocena
- City of Columbus (continued to Monday)

Town of Caledonia

Total Number of Voters: 882 (includes 1 provisional ballot)

Number of Absentee Voters: 97

Notes: The Board reviewed and accepted ballots initialed in the wrong spot. Duplicate ballots were verified against original ballots and were accepted. One ballot was reviewed to determine voter intent. The Board determined the ballot was an overvote, resulting in a loss of 1 vote for Clinton. The final recount totals were verified and recorded.

The ballots were bagged and sealed with #00030238 and #00030237.

Town of Fort Winnebago

Total Number of Voters: 514

Number of Absentee Voters: 41

Notes: The Board reviewed the write-in ballots and determined an additional vote for a registered write-in candidate, resulting in 1 additional vote for McMullin. The final recount totals were verified and recorded.

The ballots were bagged and sealed with #00030003.

Town of Leeds

Total Number of Voters: 480

Number of Absentee Voters: 29

Notes: Duplicate ballots were verified against original ballots and accepted. The Board reviewed the write-in ballots and determined 2 additional votes for a registered write-in candidate even though the name was misspelled, resulting in 2 additional votes for McMullin. The final recount totals were verified and recorded.

The ballots were bagged and sealed with #00030205.

Town of Lodi

Total Number of Voters: 2,016 (2,015 after drawdown)

Number of Absentee Voters: 749 (748 after drawdown)

Notes: Duplicate ballots were verified against original ballots and accepted. The Board determined voter intent on a ballot with the oval filled in for Trump and the write-in was also filled in with Trump, resulting in 1 additional vote for Trump. The Board reviewed the write-in ballots and determined 1 additional vote for a registered write-in candidate, resulting in 1 additional vote for McMullin. One absentee voter did not submit the correct absentee certification and the Board determined to drawdown 1 absentee ballot, resulting in a loss of 1 vote for Clinton. The final recount totals were verified and recorded.

The ballots were bagged and sealed with #00030234, #00030235, and #00030239.

Town of Marcellon

Total Number of Voters: 525

Number of Absentee Voters: 43

Notes: The Board reviewed and accepted 1 election day ballot with only 1 set of election inspector's initials, 1 ballot with no initials, 2 election day ballots initialed in the wrong place, and reviewed 3 ballots marked with a check or X to determine voter intent. A duplicate ballot was verified against the original ballot and accepted. It was noted the original/duplicate number was recorded at the top of the ballot instead of the designated area on the ballot. The final recount totals were verified and recorded.

The ballots were bagged and sealed with #00030206 and #0030236.

Town of Newport

Total Number of Voters: 392

Number of Absentee Voters: 35

Notes: The Board reviewed and accepted 2 election day ballots with only 1 set of election inspector's initials and 1 ballot with no initials. The final recount totals were verified and recorded.

The ballots were bagged and sealed with #00030008.

Town of Pacific

Total Number of Voters: 1,618

Number of Absentee Voters: 476

Notes: The Board determined an absentee ballot was rejected correctly due to the death of the voter (a copy of the obituary was included). Duplicate ballots were verified against original ballots and accepted, with the exception of Duplicate #8 which could not be identified. The Board reviewed and accepted 4 election day ballots with only 1 election inspector's initials. One ballot identified as an "anomaly" by the chief election inspector, as it contained 2 sets of initials in red ink and appeared to be an absentee ballot, was set aside. The original election day tabulator totals indicated 1,617 ballots were cast. A complete reconciliation of the poll books was done to determine the total number of voters as 1,618. The Board determined to accept the ballot as that would equal the total number of voters and ballots, resulting in 1 additional vote for Clinton. The final recount totals were verified and recorded.

The ballots were bagged and sealed with #00030254, #00030253, #00030252, and #00030251.

Town of Randolph

Total Number of Voters: 418

Number of Absentee Voters: 16

Notes: The final recount totals were verified and recorded.

The ballots were bagged and sealed with #00030240.

Town of West Point

Total Number of Voters: 1,287

Number of Absentee Voters: 308

Notes: The Board determined 2 absentee ballots were rejected correctly, 1 due to the death of the voter and the other did not contain the voter or witness signatures or addresses. Two absentee ballot certification envelopes were reviewed and accepted (1 in person envelope did not include the municipal clerk's signature, and 1 was a plain envelope with the certification attached from an overseas voter). The final recount totals were verified and recorded.

The ballots were bagged and sealed with #00030233, #00030231, and #00030232.

Village of Pardeeville

Total Number of Voters: 1,032

Number of Absentee Voters: 126

Notes: The Board reviewed and accepted all absentee ballots which did not have the municipal clerk's initials. Duplicate ballots were verified against original ballots and accepted, with the exception of Duplicate #1 which did not match Original #1. The Board determined the vote from the original ballot should be counted, resulting in 1 less vote for Trump and 1 additional vote for Clinton. The tabulator indicated 1,033 ballots cast on election day, a count of the ballots was 1,032. The Inspector's Statement indicated a ballot jam on election day, resulting in 1 less vote for Clinton. The final recount totals were verified and recorded.

The ballots were bagged and sealed with #00030228, #00030229, and #00030230.

Village of Poynette

Total Number of Voters: 1,243

Number of Absentee Voters: 344

Notes: Ballot bag serial numbers were not recorded on the Inspector's Statement. The Board reviewed 2 rejected absentee ballots. The absentee envelopes were rejected as the envelopes were tampered with. The municipal clerk was available and explained the envelopes she received in her office appeared to have been opened then taped shut prior to her receiving them. The Election Day Manual from the Wisconsin Elections Commission states any absentee envelopes which have been

opened and resealed is an insufficient absentee ballot certificate envelope and the absentee ballots must be rejected. The Board decision, which was not unanimous, was to reject the absentee ballots. The Board reviewed and accepted absentee ballot certification envelopes with irregular dates (i.e. "2017", month/day transposed, 12/12/16). The Board reviewed and accepted 1 absentee ballot which did not contain the municipal clerk's initials and 2 election day ballots initialed by election inspectors in the wrong place. The final recount totals were verified and recorded. The ballots were bagged and sealed with #00030007 and #00030005.

Village of Randolph, Ward 3

Total Number of Voters: 239

Number of Absentee Voters: 27

Notes: The Board reviewed 2 ballots marked with an X to determine voter intent. It was also noted the ballots appeared different from other ballots as the tabulator equipment used in Ward 3 is from Dodge County. The final recount totals were verified and recorded.

The ballots were bagged and sealed with #00030010.

Village of Wyocena

Total Number of Voters: 337

Number of Absentee Voters: 45

Notes: The Board reviewed and accepted an election day ballot with only 1 set of election inspector's initials. The Board reviewed the write-in ballots and determined an additional vote for a candidate, resulting in 1 additional vote for Clinton. The final recount totals were verified and recorded.

The ballots were bagged and sealed with #00030009.

The Board of Canvassers recessed at 7:00 pm. and will reconvene at 8:00 am on December 5, 2016. The nightly report was emailed to the Wisconsin Elections Commission.

The Board of Canvassers reconvened at 8:00 am on December 5, 2016.

Monday, December 5, 2016

- City of Columbus (2 reporting units)
- City of Lodi
- City of Portage (3 reporting units)
- City of Wisconsin Dells (2 reporting units)

City of Columbus, Wards 1-8

Total Number of Voters: 2,728 (2,727 after drawdown)

Number of Absentee Voters: 655 (654 after drawdown)

Notes: The counting of the ballots and reconciliation of the poll books began on Friday, December 2nd. The counted ballots were bagged and sealed until Monday, December 5th when the recount continued. A complete reconciliation of the poll books was done to determine the total number of voters as 2,728 (The Inspector's Statement indicated 2,726, however, 2 absentee voters were not assigned voter numbers). On election day 2,726 ballots were cast, with 1 ballot drawn down on election day as the total number of voters did not equal the total number of ballots cast. A count of the ballots, with the 1 election day draw down ballot, was 2,728. The Board reviewed and accepted 4 nursing home absentee certification envelopes without the second witness' complete address; 11 election day ballots with double initials; and 13 ballots with no initials. Nineteen duplicate ballots were verified against original ballots and accepted. The Board reviewed 1 FWAB (Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot) absentee ballot request which did not include a witness signature. The "FWAB information about the form and tips for Wisconsin clerks who receive a FWAB from a voter" provided by the WEC was referenced for clarification, which stated *"When using the FWAB as a write-in ballot,*

the voter must submit the FWAB by mail, with their original signature and date in the affirmation section, and with the signature of their witness". As the witness signature was missing, the Board determined to drawdown 1 absentee ballot, resulting in a loss of 1 vote for Trump. The ballot which was originally drawn down on election night, as voters did not equal ballots cast, resulted in 1 additional vote for Clinton; A ballot jam on election day did not count a ballot resulting in 1 additional vote for Trump; Review of scatterings resulted in votes for registered write-ins as follows, 1 additional vote for Maturen, and 1 additional vote for Hoefling. The final recount totals were verified and recorded.

The ballots were bagged and sealed with #00067440, #00067441, # 00030366, #00067438, #00067435, #00067439, and #00030255.

City of Columbus, Ward 10

Total Number of Voters: 0

Number of Absentee Voters: 0

Notes: The final recount totals were verified and recorded.

City of Lodi

Total Number of Voters: 1,773

Number of Absentee Voters: 586

Notes: Initial count of the ballots determined there was one more ballot than voter. A complete reconciliation of the poll books was done to determine the total number of voters as 1,773 (The Inspector's Statement indicated 1,772, however, 2 voter numbers were assigned twice and 1 was missed). It was also noted the late registered voters were not included on the supplemental list. The municipal clerk was available and explained those who registered late and voted were included on a separate list with voter numbers. Only those who registered and voted on election day were included on the supplemental list. The Board reviewed and accepted 3 absentee ballots initialed in the wrong place; 4 absentee ballots with no municipal clerk's initials; 7 election day ballots with only 1 set of election inspector's initials; 19 election day ballots initialed in the wrong place, and 1 absentee certificate envelope from an in person absentee voter missing the municipal clerk's signature. Two duplicate ballots were verified against original ballots and accepted (it was noted the duplicate and original ballots were not properly identified). The Board determined voter intent on 3 ballots, resulting in 3 additional votes for Trump; a review of scatterings resulted in votes for registered write-in as follows, 3 additional votes for McMullin. The final recount totals were verified and recorded.

The ballots were bagged and sealed with #00067520 and #00068174.

City of Portage, Wards 1, 9-10

Total Number of Voters: 1,384

Number of Absentee Voters: 601

Notes: Initial election day tabulator results indicated one more ballot cast than voters. A count of the ballots determined only 1,384 ballots, which equaled the number of voters. Seven duplicate ballots were verified against original ballots and accepted. The Board reviewed and accepted 12 ballots with 3 sets of initials and 4 election day ballots with 1 set of initials. The Board reviewed 3 ballots marked with an X or other mark to determine voter intent, plus a ballot jam on election night resulted in a ballot counting twice, resulting in a loss of 1 vote for Trump; a loss of 1 vote for Clinton, and 1 additional vote for Johnson; a review of scatterings resulted in a vote for registered write-in as follows, 1 additional vote for McMullin. The final recount totals were verified and recorded.

The ballots were bagged and sealed with #00067432, #00067433, and #00067434.

City of Portage, Wards 2-3, 5

Total Number of Voters: 1,348

Number of Absentee Voters: 455

Notes: An in person absentee voter took the ballot home and returned it on election day. The absentee ballot was spoiled and the elector voted in person on election day. The Board reviewed and accepted 4 ballots with no initials; 1 ballot initialed in the wrong place; and 1 ballot with 1 set of election inspector's initials. It was noted ballot bag #00030380 was stapled shut. The County Clerk's Office confirmed they stapled the bag shut as the ballot bag was not firmly sealed when transferred for storage. The Board reviewed and accepted an absentee ballot from Wards 1, 9-10 which was sent in error by the municipal clerk's office. This resulted in 1 additional vote for Trump. The final recount totals were verified and recorded.

The ballots were bagged and sealed with #00067436 and #00067437.

City of Portage, Wards 4, 6-8

Total Number of Voters: 1,353

Number of Absentee Voters: 534

Notes: The duplicate and original ballots were not properly identified and could not be reviewed for verification. The Board reviewed and accepted 1 absentee ballot which was originally rejected. A note with the rejected absentee ballot indicated the municipal clerk opened the envelope and found the absentee certificate with the absentee ballot. The Board reviewed and accepted 3 absentee ballots and 1 election day ballot with no initials and 2 election day ballots with only 1 set of initials. The Board reviewed 1 ballot marked with a mark outside the oval to determine voter intent, plus a ballot jam on election night resulted in a ballot counting twice, resulting in 2 additional votes for Clinton; a loss of 1 vote for Trump. The final recount totals were verified and recorded.

The ballots were bagged and sealed with #00030404 and #00030227.

City of Wisconsin Dells, Wards 1-3, 6

Total Number of Voters: 1,124

Number of Absentee Voters: 232

Notes: The Inspector's Statement indicated 1,123 voters and the election day tabulator totals stated 1,124 ballots cast. The Inspector's Statement also indicated 1 more ballot than voter on election day. A complete reconciliation of the poll books was done to determine the total number of voters was 1,124 (2 absentee numbers were assigned twice and 1 absentee number was missed). It was noted an Adams County elector who voted in Columbia County was included in the Columbia County total. Several counts of the ballots determined 1,125 ballots, with 232 of the ballots identified as absentee ballots. All ballots were properly initialed. The municipal clerk and chief election inspector were available to assist with determining why there were more ballots than voters. They were unable to explain the discrepancy. As there was 1 more ballot than voter, the Board determined to drawdown a ballot from all ballots cast, resulting in 1 less vote for Trump. The Board also determined voter intent on 2 ballots, resulting in 1 additional vote for Trump and 1 additional vote for Clinton (voter intent could not be determined on 1 additional ballot, so it remained an overvote); The hand count resulted in 1 additional vote for Clinton; A review of scatterings determined votes for a registered write-in, resulting in 3 additional votes for McMullin. The final recount totals were verified and recorded.

The ballots were bagged and sealed with #00067495, #00067502, #00067505, and #00067506.

City of Wisconsin Dells, Ward 11

Total Number of Voters: 0

Number of Absentee Voters: 0

Notes: The final recount totals were verified and recorded.

The Board of Canvassers recessed at 5:30 pm and will reconvene at 10:00 am on December 7, 2016 to review and sign the Board of Canvassers Certification. The nightly report was emailed to the Wisconsin Elections Commission.

The Board of Canvassers reconvened at 10:07 am on December 7, 2016 and reviewed the final Summary Statement and signed the Certification of the Board of Canvassers. A copy of the signed Summary Statement and Certification was emailed to the Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC) and the original was mailed to the WEC. The Columbia County Board of Canvassers adjourned at 10:37 am.

Susan M. Moll
Columbia County Clerk